## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND THE HAWAII NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO INCREASE CANINE NARCOTIC CONTRABAND DETECTION TEAMS AT THE STATE'S PORTS OF ENTRY.

WHEREAS, the mission of the United States Department of Homeland Security is "to protect the homeland"; and

WHEREAS, the federal INTERDICT Act, passed on January 10, 2018, calls for increased screening for fentanyl and other synthetic opioids that are illegally imported into the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Canine Program has been critical to the United States Border Patrol's ability to detect and seize controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Narcotics Enforcement Division recognizes methamphetamine as the most commonly abused drug in the State; and

WHEREAS, drug-sniffing dogs have intercepted quantities of illegal substances worth millions of dollars, including methamphetamine, at ports of entry throughout the country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the Senate concurring, that United States Customs and Border Protection and the Hawaii Narcotics Enforcement Division are urged to increase the number of canine narcotic contraband detection teams at Hawaii's ports of entry; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Homeland Security, the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, the Director of Public Safety, and the head of the Narcotics Enforcement Division.

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